

REMARKS

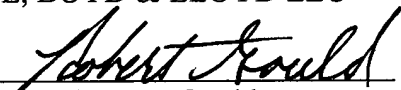
This Preliminary Amendment is being concurrently filed with a Request for Continued Examination of patent application. Claims 25-40, 42-57, 59, 60, 82-86, 92-94, 100 and 102 are pending in the application. Claims 25, 27, 44, 46, 82, 92 and 102 have been amended. Support for the limitation requiring a cylindrical aspect to the ring electrode can be found in Figure 4I which shows a cylindrical surface on the interior of the electrode. Applicant believes that no new matter has been added and therefore requests entry of the amendments to the claims.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests an early and favorable action on the merits. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned should any issues be apparent that can be resolved with a telephone call.

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